

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 5 at page 5 of the specification as follows:

At least a portion of the surface 331 of the third layer 330 that faces the first outer layer 310 has printing thereon, such as a biohazard warning. This can be effected by corona treating the surface 331, and printing with a flood coating 332 of orange or red, and then printing with a plurality of spaced apart black biohazard warnings 333. The ink used can be a conventional solvent based ink printed using a lithographic or flexographic technique. The printing is performed before laminating the layers together. Because the printing is on the protected surface 331 of the third layer 330, it is protected from the contents of the envelope 100. Thus samples such as liquids, i.e. blood, or semi-solids, such as fecal specimens, do not adversely affect the printing. The third layer is substantially light transmissive, and preferably substantially transparent so that the printing provided by the flood coating 332 and 335 is biohazard warning 333 are visible.

Please amend the last paragraph on page 5 of the specification as follows:

The laminate can contain additional layers. For example, with reference to Fig. 4, there is shown a laminate 301' with an additional polymeric layer 340 between the outer layer 310 and the middle layer 320. This layer 310 340 can be about 0.5 mils thick. Also an additional layer or barrier (not shown) can be layered on top of the third layer 330 to form a pocket within the envelope to act as additional security against any potential leakage from an etiologic agent and/or biomedical material inserted into the device, as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,150,971.

Please amend the first paragraph on page 6 of the specification as follows:

Also, the biohazard printing need not be on the surface 331 of the third layer 330 facing the first layer 310. Rather, as shown in Fig. 5, the printed warning of a laminate 301' can be on the opposed surface 332 330A of the laminate, wherein the printing is protected by a protective layer 350 which is substantially light-transmissive, and preferably substantially transparent. In this version of the invention, this protective layer 350 need not encompass the entire inside of the device 100 but rather only needs to be over the printing. The protective layer can be about 0.5 mils thick. In this version of the invention, it is not necessary that the third layer 330 be light transmissive.

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A mailing device is comprised formed of a laminate of a printable outer layer and a

water-resistant inner layer having a printable surface facing the outer layer. There is printed indicia, such as a biohazard warning, on the printable surface. Accordingly, the inner layer protects the printing.